

# Montague Conservation Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 11, 2016 – 6:30 pm

Upstairs Meeting Room, Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

**Commissioners Present:** Mark Fairbrother - Chair, Donna Francis, Alex Peterkin, Deb Henson, Addie Rose Holland and Sean Werle.

**Commissioners Absent:** Justin Fermann.

**Staff:** Walter Ramsey – Conservation Agent

Mark Fairbrother called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** by Donna Francis to approve the May 5, 2016 Conservation Commission Minutes. Seconded by Sean Werle. Addie Rose Holland, Deb Henson and Alex Peterkin abstained. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by Sean Werle to approve the June 9, 2016 Conservation Commission Minutes. Seconded by Alex Peterkin. Addie Rose Holland and Deb Henson abstained. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by Donna Francis to approve the July 14, 2016 Conservation Commission Minutes. Seconded by Alex Peterkin. Addie Rose Holland, Deb Henson and Sean Werle abstained. **Motion passed.**

**PUBLIC MEETING Request for Determination RDA #2016-10** filed by Richard Reil for the demolition and reconstruction of a single family house at 43 Lake Pleasant Road Lake Pleasant, MA on property identified as Assessors Map 40 Lot 15.

**Guest:** Richard Reil

A new modular home would be installed on the footprint of an existing single family home. Agent visited the site on 8/11/16.

- The work area is within 70 feet of a stream that drains into Lake Pleasant. USGS TOPO shows the stream as presumed perennial, but USGS stream stats indicated it would meet threshold for intermittent. The 8/11/16 site visit showed a bone-dry stream. It was note that the stream is dam controlled by the Water Department.
- Reil proposes to put in new footings and a basement with the reconstruction. Mr. Reil stated that he will be reducing the square footage of the home by 233 square feet which will be returned into pervious surface.
- The existing septic system is approximately 20 years old. Mr. Reil was advised to check with Board of Health to ascertain whether the existing septic will suffice. Septic work is not within the scope of this filing and if it is required the applicant must come to the Commission for additional permitting.
- The commission will require erosion controls between the resource area and the work area. The commission will require a staked hay bale fence. All disturbed areas would be regraded and stabilized after the project.

- It was stated that the excavated materials will be placed in the back part of the 12 acres of land Mr. Reil owns at the site where a barn use to be. It will be re-seeded into lawn. The approved “fill” location has been noted on the final site plan.

**Motion** by Sean Werle to issue a Negative Determination under Box 2 and Box 3 for RDA#2016-10. Seconded by Donna Francis. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Agent Updates:**

- **Forest Cutting Plan FC#2016-03** Patrick & Anne Williamson  
No Comments
- **Forest Cutting Plan FC#2016-04** Chandra Hancock & Patrick Pezzati  
No Comments
- **North Street Management Area:** The draft license paperwork to allow the town to implement a vegetation management plan at the North Street Wildlife Management Area has been received from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Agent is working with Eversource to do a cutting during the September time frame under the mitigation from the Cabot Taps project. The state is requiring a formal determination from the Conservation Commission as an appendix to the license. License and RDA to be executed at September meeting.

**Motion** made by Addie Rose Holland to adjourn the meeting at 7:04PM. Seconded by Donna Francis. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibits:**

Conservation Minutes May 2016  
Conservation Minutes June 2016  
Conservation Minutes July 2016  
RDA# 2016-10 File  
Forest Cutting File #2016-03  
Forest Cutting File #21016-04  
North Street Management Area File